

STRIKE IS NOW UP TO CONGRESS

BURGLAR GETS \$500 WORTH OF JEWELRY

Bold Robber Visited Brightly Lighted Madison St. Store Last Night

ENTERED FRONT DOOR

Escaped the Eyes of Hotel, Garage and Restaurant Men Nearby.

Opposite the Standard Garage in which a man is working all night and the Kenyon hotel in which travelers are going back and forth at all hours, and alongside the White Cloud restaurant on Madison street, a jewelry store owned by P. P. Lipson was entered last night and \$500 worth of goods stolen.

The exact amount of jewelry taken cannot be ascertained but with rings, watches, chains, pins, brooches, cuff links, bar pins, brooches, watches and perhaps other things the loss of which has not yet been discovered.

Entrance was gained through the front door, the robber boldly prying open the lock with a two foot crowbar taken from a tool box at the Presbyterian church. The bar was branded "W. S. P." and is owned by W. S. Pittzer, who is helping on the stone work at the church.

The front door was not bothered until after the back window had been tried. The wire netting was torn from this window, the window raised and a brace and bit used on an inner wooden door. Behind the wooden door were iron bars. The bit struck one of the bars and the operator was forced to stop. He put the crowbar into the hole made by the bit and tried to force one of the iron bars, but after bending it about an inch quit the back entrance and tried the front. This was forced, the lock giving easily, from the appearance of the door this morning.

Once inside the robber went directly to the wall cases in which he found twelve trays of rings and taking them, very likely stuffed his pockets with everything handy. Right at the door he dropped a bundle of lavaliers. These were found this morning when a waiter in the White Cloud being told the door being open called P. P. Lipson on the phone and also notified the police. This call was sent in at 5:30 o'clock. By this time a few night workers and a few late stragglers had congregated at the door to see what damage had been done and started the search for the robber.

The robber took the trays out of the store and went in Meredith street, which is nothing more than an alley and very dark. Then he threw the trays away after taking all the rings from them. Some were found on the store floor which would lead those in charge of the case to believe that the robber dropped one tray leaving it there. Lipson keeps a large arc light burning in his store all night. This light is bright enough to light the street to the opposite side. The place was not insured.

There are several persons under surveillance, one colored man especially, who not long ago came into Lipson's and purchased a telescope. In a few days he came back with the glass and asked for one in its stead or his money back, saying he could not see through it. Mr. Lipson then offered him another one but the negro refused, saying he had the money. He was given \$3 about half the price he paid for it, and ordered from the store. As he left he turned to Mr. Lipson and said, "I'll be back again and I'll get you the next time."

The police have not stopped at this clue but are working on several others, one of which leads to Washington, Pa., and other cities where fairs and carnivals are in progress. Grafton, Clarksburg, Morgantown, Wheeling and Pittsburgh police departments were notified to watch for the man. Grafton replied with the statement that a clothing store in that city had been robbed last night, but it would be impossible for it to be the same burglar unless he came to Fairmont on a freight train. Those who were at the station when train No. 11 from Grafton arrived at 4:30 o'clock say that no colored man got here. The footprints in the soft earth at the rear of the store indicate that but one man entered and he possessed a very small, slender foot, more like that of a boy.

It is thought that the robber who entered Lipson's is the same man who last Sunday night between 11 and 12 o'clock jimmied the front door of C. C. Bobb's meat market and stole \$20 in cash out of the cash drawer.

A Cook Hospital—Bernard Fleming, the thirteen year old son of R. Leigh Fleming, is now convalescing from an attack of typhoid and is reported as recovering rapidly at Cook hospital.

SUFFRAGE WORKERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Campaign Plans Are Discussed at Women's Building.

A meeting of the Marion county executive committee of the Women's Suffrage organization is in progress this afternoon at the Women's building on Cleveland avenue and Main street. Miss Adella Potter, suffrage worker, will address the committee and plans will be laid for a vigorous campaign to be conducted from this time on until the election in November. The committee consists of the county officers of which Miss Margaret McKinney is chairman and the chairmen of the various district organizations.

Mrs. Florence Brown Cotnam, of Little Rock, Arkansas, who had spent several weeks in this section in the interest of women's suffrage, left today for Terra Alta where she will engage in the work. Last night Mrs. Cotnam addressed a large crowd of people at the postoffice corner in Monongah and made a favorable impression. Col. Thos. Price introduced the speaker in his customary good style and her talk was greatly appreciated by the audience.

Miss Adella Potter, a national suffrage worker, held a most successful meeting at Mannington last night and was well received. Tonight she will address the Marion county W. C. T. U. convention in session at the First Baptist church.

Germany Expects Greece to Go In

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 29.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Hague says Germany is making preparation for the eventual entry of Greece into the war which German diplomatic circles regard as certain. Many Greeks have departed from Germany and tomorrow the Greek minister in Berlin is to be received by Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg.

ENGINEER DULL SAW HOLT ON THE TRACK

Did Not Suspect at the Time That the Object Was a Man.

George Dull, Baltimore and Ohio railroad engineer, yesterday testified before the coroner's jury that he saw Brooks Holt lying on the track just before he permitted his engine to run over him but that he thought it was some inanimate object, possibly part of a coat or piece of tree. He contended that the accident was unavoidable. The jury found that because Dull did not apply his emergency brakes upon seeing an unusual object on the track Holt came to his death. The jury did not say "carelessness," neither did it say "unavoidable" but it framed the verdict in such a manner that either could be inferred.

Dull testified that he saw the object when 500 feet away from it. That about the time he was 300 feet away he could tell it was the body of a man and that he then applied his high speed brakes. He ran 400 feet and stopped after striking Holt.

Traction Company Breaking Records

RECEIPTS FOR THIS YEAR EXPECTED TO BE LARGEST IN CORPORATION'S HISTORY

BALTIMORE, Aug. 29.—Earnings of the Monongahela Valley Traction company continue to break all previous records, and, barring unforeseen developments, the indications are that the company will round out the current year with the largest receipts in its history. The comparative statement for July shows:	
1916.	1915.
Gross earnings \$118,769.61	\$85,844.93
Operating expenses 46,611.64	80,894.60
Net earnings \$72,157.97	\$54,950.23
Fixed charges, taxes and insurance 82,785.62	25,697.35
Net surplus \$ 89,422.35	\$29,252.88
Period January to July:	
1916.	1915.
Gross earnings \$563,021.28	\$534,654.80
Operating expenses 342,852.79	221,677.61
Net earnings \$220,168.49	\$312,977.19
Fixed charges, taxes and insurance 225,134.27	180,092.49
Net surplus \$295,034.22	\$132,884.70

Isn't He Mean Looking? Asks Woman Slayer as She Looks at Picture of the Man She Shot



Tragedy Occurred in Camp Where Georgia's Militia is Mobilized

VICTIM CAPT. SPRATLING

He Was a Physician And Woman Says He Hounded Her.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
MACON, Ga., Aug. 29.—Doll-like little Mattie Adams sat in her cell and gazed at the newspaper picture of the militia officer she had killed.

"Isn't he mean looking?" she remarked. "But he looks worse with his hat off."

That was her epitaph for the man she killed, because, she says, he ruined her life a year ago!

Despite her slender form and light blue eyes that look at you trustingly from under her low-dome blonde hair, Mattie Adams is a married woman, mother of three children and soon to be the mother of four! You would take her to be 24 but she says she is 30.

Capt. Edgar J. Spratling was her victim, shot down in his tent shortly after Mrs. Adams alighted from the Atlanta train and tripped out to the mobilization camp.

The girl-woman gave herself up to militia authorities after the shooting.

Spratling, prominent Atlanta physician had insulted her when she went to his office for treatment a year ago, she said here, according to the police, and her husband, H. C. Adams, Atlanta laundryman said the same thing in Atlanta.

Spratling is married but has no children.

"This man has been hounding my wife for weeks," said Adams in Atlanta. "She is justified in killing him if any person ever was."

Mrs. Maud Monk, former Atlanta hotel keeper who is here, declared Spratling had told her Mrs. Adams was nagging him and had written him letters asking that she be installed in a boarding house in Macon so she could be near him.

"That's a lie," Mrs. Adams declared in her cell. "I never heard of this Monk woman! I never wrote Dr. Spratling a letter. They can't show any letter he ever got from me!"

When discrepancies were pointed out in her stories she said:

"I didn't know what I was saying yesterday!"

When she didn't want to answer she just turned her head away and looked at the tops of the green trees along Mulberry street.

Although Mrs. Adams now insists she had not seen Dr. Spratling for a year, the doctor's books, according to his nephew, indicates she had called at his office several times this month, and that he had operated on her son for tonsillitis last week.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.
(By Associated Press)
ROTTERDAM, Aug. 29.—The \$16,000 Norwegian steamship Renteria has been sunk. Nineteen of her crew arrived in the waterway today on a lugger.

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY INSTITUTE

Edward Rynearson's Address Pleased Many at Morning Session.

"The amount of energy and the vast sums of money spent each year in the United States to combat the ravages of dirt is appalling," said Edward Rynearson this morning in his talk to the teachers assembled at the Miller school in the Marion county institute.

Mr. Rynearson is the principal of the Fifth Avenue High school in Pittsburgh and has been a close hand student of conditions in Pittsburgh for many years. In his address this morning on "Community Civics" Mr. Rynearson emphasized the importance of teaching the school children to be clean and to keep clean.

"Education in methods of keeping the community health good is of the greatest importance and such common welfare movements as milk and food sanitation and inspection should have the support of every earnest teacher," was another point made by Mr. Rynearson in his address. His talk was heard with absorbing interest by all of the teachers present.

Previous to this address H. H. Heller talked to the assemblage concerning "School Sense" and emphasized the fact that the children must be taught to use their own judgment and act upon it in as many of the school affairs as possible. The development of initiative is one of the greatest privileges that a teacher can have according to Mr. Heller.

The music today at the meetings, under the efficient and able direction

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Nothing New in the Balkan Situation

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 29.—A British official statement regarding operations in Greece issued this afternoon says: "There were no developments on the Struma or Doiran fronts."

The Weather.

West Virginia—Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.
F. P. Hall, Observer.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 54.

Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum, 71; minimum, 50; precipitation, trace.

W.C.T.U. REVIEWS WORK DONE DURING TWENTIETH YEAR

Annual Convention Being Held Today at First Baptist.

COMMITTEES REPORT

Four Unions in Marion County are Well Represented.

The twentieth annual convention of the Marion county W. C. T. U. is being held today at the First Baptist church. The four unions in the county, Fairmont Central, East Side, Mannington and Fairview, are largely represented and the convention is one of unusual interest.

Mrs. Lizzie Toothman, of Fairview, county president, presided over the meeting this morning. At ten o'clock a short devotional service was held, conducted by Mrs. N. E. Green. Mrs. E. S. Amos welcomed the delegates and the response was made by Mrs. D. S. Ferry. Mrs. Angie Charlton, county secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the convention at Fairview, the institute at Harckville and the executive meeting at Willard Hall.

The hour from eleven until twelve o'clock was given over to reports from the county superintendents. The following reports were given:

Mrs. Menear, superintendent of literature.

Mrs. Hannah Jones, superintendent of work among the foreign speaking people.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dent, superintendent of railroad work.

Mrs. P. B. Swearingin, superintendent of flower missions.

Mrs. P. L. Merrifield, superintendent of medal contests, and Mrs. Green, superintendent of evangelistic work.

The following committees were appointed this morning and will report this afternoon:

Credentials: Mrs. Florence Gray, Mrs. P. B. Swearingin and Mrs. Engle, the latter of Fairview.

Finance: Mrs. McChesney, Mrs. Elsworth Swisher and Mrs. O. C. Phillips.

Resolutions: Mrs. Jennie Engle, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Jenks.

Courtesy: Mrs. Menear, Mrs. Pittzer and Mrs. Bowman.

Excellent work has been done by the four unions in the county in the past year. One thousand four hundred and fifty bouquets of flowers have been distributed among the silk and nine thousand and fifty-four pages of literature have been given out.

Mrs. Chalfant, of Fairview, who has served as county treasurer for ten years, is a patient in a Baltimore hospital and following a motion of the president, a collection was taken for flowers to be sent to her.

The noonday prayer was made by Mrs. Elsworth Swisher, after which the ladies adjourned to the dining room of the church where dinner was served by the ladies of the church. The program for this afternoon and evening is as follows:

1:30 p. m., piano duet by Miss Elsie and Mrs. Essie Hawkins; 2:00, memorial services by Mrs. Jennie Engle; 2:30 a. m., reading of minutes; report of committees; piano solo, Miss Elsie Hawkins; address, Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow; roll call of delegates, election of officers, appointment of superintendents, music and adjournment.

7:30 p. m., evening session; music; prayer by Mrs. N. R. C. Morrow; address, Miss Potter; duet, Mrs. N. E. Jamison, Mrs. Flo Dunham; benediction.

Bank Robbers Now Do Jobs in Pairs

(By Associated Press)
DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 29.—Robbers in a double bank robbery early today at Homer, Ill., secured over \$13,000. The robbers worked quickly. Their plans were well laid as the explosion at the two banks were simultaneous and were so muffled that only a few people in the town were awakened. \$9,500 was taken from the Raynor and Rabb bank and \$4,500 from the Citizens bank.

Checker and Chess Club to be Formed

A checker and chess club is to be formed in Fairmont. There are several fine chess and checker players in the city and they have been meeting to arrange a club room and other details.

Those in charge of enrolling members are Rollo Conley, for chess players and Francis Thralls, for checker players. The club will consist of but 50 members, after which none will be taken in until some member resigns.

BROTHERHOODS ISSUE STRIKE ORDER AND BOTH SIDES DROP PARLEYS

President Wilson Appeared Before Joint Session of Congress This Afternoon and Made Report on Entire Situation

HE HAS COMPLETE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Men Have Already Announced That They Are Opposed to One Part of It—Compulsory Investigation and Publicity.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Direct negotiations between railroad executives and the employees through President Wilson were practically closed today when the executives refused to accede to a proposal made to them yesterday by Mr. Wilson and presented to him a statement of their position containing another argument for arbitration.

The statement presented to President Wilson by the committee of eight delegates that the sentiment of society favors an eight-hour day and declared that arbitration is the only proper way of settling industrial disputes.

The suggestion of President Wilson for a program including the principal of an eight-hour day but postponing its effectiveness for a year pending investigation, was rejected by the railroad executives at a conference this morning. The action of the railroad presidents taken in connection with the strike order of the employees left President Wilson no alternative but to go to congress in a final effort to avert the strike by legislation.

While President Wilson was announcing that he would lay the railroad strike situation before congress at 2:30 o'clock today the Brotherhood leaders rejected the latest proposition of the committee of railway presidents and actually ordered the strike to begin at seven a. m. Labor day unless settlement satisfactory to them is reached in the meantime. Their previous order for a strike was tentative and required a secret signal to put it into effect.

Unless a settlement satisfactory to the labor leaders is reached before that time or unless President Wilson and Congress find some way to prevent it, the strike would start Labor day without further notice.

The labor leaders admittedly took action the first thing today in the belief that some means was being sought to prevent a strike actually being called. By their action they think they have anticipated any legal processes which might be brought against them.

President Wilson made his decision to address congress in joint session at 2:30 o'clock soon after the decision of the labor leaders became known. Arrangements were made at the capitol for the House and Senate to assemble in the hall of the House to hear the President's proposed legislation which has been agreed upon by administration leaders.

Shortly after 10:30 a telephone call came to the White House from railroad executives to the effect that the committee of eight would like to see President Wilson. He had engagements up until one o'clock but he informed the executives that he would see them if possible. Later the President sent word to the executives he would see them at eleven o'clock and postponed a cabinet meeting to do so.

The Brotherhood leaders declared after their meeting this morning that nothing but a "satisfactory settlement" could prevent their men from walking out. The leaders take the position that the strike already ordered they could not be prevented by legal processes from making it effective while it left them free to call it off if a settlement satisfactory to them is reached.

The legislative program prepared for congress includes the following measures:

An eight-hour day law for railroad employees so framed as to give the railroads time to prepare for it; and, a law patterned after the Canadian industrial disputes act providing for investigation of industrial disputes on railroads by a commission and prohibiting strikes or lockouts pending the outcome of the investigation.

In addition to these measures there are under consideration a resolution to increase the revenues of the railroads in case the expenses are increased, and a law creating authority for the operation of the railroads under the federal government in event of a strike. The plan tonight was to have

the first two measures introduced as amendments to the bill, which has already passed the house, increasing the Interstate Commerce Commission from 7 to 9 members.

Brotherhood leaders, it was said today, will fight the compulsory investigation feature of President Wilson's legislative program but support his eight-hour day proposal.

Every effort will be made it was said to get separate votes on the proposition in Congress and leaders were confident that could be done.

A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the men, expressed himself as strongly opposed to the compulsory investigation plan and while he did not entirely approve of the proposed eight-hour bill he said it would bring benefit to such numbers of non union men that the railroads doubtless would oppose it and he thought the Brotherhood would be behind it.

"The Canadian compulsory investigation plans," he said, "have proven the greatest obstacle to labor that ever has been devised. Invariably and I speak from experience in dealing with railroads, the railroad heads have used the delay guaranteed them by law to prepare for a strike."

"The eight-hour day proposal, failing to carry, as it will of course, any ratification to wages, would not entirely satisfy us. It would have the effect, however, of bringing the unorganized 80 per cent. of railway labor, of which railway heads speak feelingly, under an eight-hour day. It would be a step in the right direction and I think you would find the railroads opposing it vigorously."

In order to have any effect on the present proposed strike the President's legislative program would have to pass both Houses and become a law before next Monday morning.

Once the men have left trains the compulsory investigation would not affect them in the opinion of Brotherhood officials. The official declined to discuss this phase of the situation further.

Auto Races Here On Labor Day

Fairmonters who have been wishing for the past year for a chance to witness some championship automobile races will have their wishes gratified when, on September 4, next, R. L. McCoy and Orrin Bell of this city stage nine fast events.

Out of town racers have asked for a chance to compete and from the list of requests there is certain to be much speed.

The best race on the card will be a \$500 prize 10 mile event. Other races of one mile, two miles, five miles and an Australian pursuit race will be featured with motorcycle events.

Besides these the Veolker Bicycle Club will hold fast races for good prizes.

The races start at 1:30 in the afternoon, Labor day.

Furious Fighting by New Belligerent

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Aug. 29.—Desperate fighting on the border between Rumania and Hungary is reported in an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Bern, Switzerland.

The Rumanians, the message says, are making furious efforts to capture the important passes.

NOTICE.

Consumers of city water are notified that an impure condition in the water prevails at this time and boiling water for drinking purposes is recommended by the City Health department. The impurity will probably be corrected within a week.